Demands for share of remittance sent by NRIs

2480. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of NON-RESIDENT INDIANS AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been made that the Central Government should earmark a part of remittances made by Kerala born NRIs in Gulf and other countries for State's infrastructure development;

(b) if so, what is Central Government's response in this regard;

(c) whether such demands by NRIs from other States also have been made; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

NRI investments in **Karnataka**

2481. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of NON RESIDENT INDIANS AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of NRI investments in Karnataka during the years 2002-03 and 2003-04;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up Economic Zones for NRIs in Karnataka to encourage NRI investments; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to encourage NRI Investments in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) NRI investment proposals approved for Karnataka by Foreign Investment Promotion Board and Reserve Bank of India during 2002-03 and 2003-04 are as follows:

Year	No. of Proposals	Amount (Rs. Crore)
2002-03	284	447.34
2003-04	290	2283.83